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1. TO FOLLOW UP AS PROMISED ON REFTELS, WE HAVE NOW
RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION FROM IMF AND IBRD ON CURRENT
TREATMENT OF GDP/GNP FIGURES.

2. THE IMF REGARDS ITS FIGURE OF 575 SDR FOR 1976 GDP RPT
GDP PER CAPITA AS A TENTATIVE FIRST ESTIMATE. IT IS
DERIVED FROM STATISTICS PROVIDED BY THE SEYCHELLES
STATISTICAL OFFICE AND INCLUDED IN THE GOS STATISTICAL
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BULLETIN. BASED ON A 1976 DOLLAR VALUE OF ONE SDR EQUAL
DOLS 1.1542, THIS COMPUTES TO DOLS 663.85. THE STATISTI-
CIANS ARE REPORTEDLY AWARE THAT INCOME DISTRIBUTION IS
HIGHLY SKEWED IN THE ISLANDS.

2. THE IBRD HAS REVISED ITS FIGURE FOR GNP RPT GNP PER
CAPITA UPWARD FROM DOLS 580 IN 1975 TO DOLS 650 FOR 1976.

THIS REFLECTS CURRENT US DOLLARS. THIS FIGURE WILL APPEAR
IN THE NEW EDITION OF THE WORLD BANK ATLAS WHICH WILL BE
AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. VANCE

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